

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

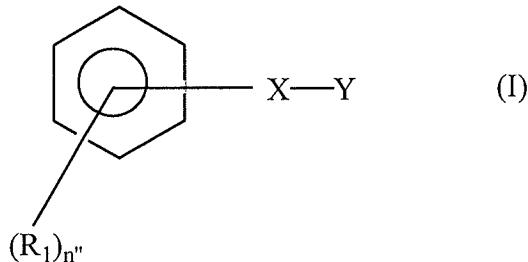
Please replace the Abstract with the following amended Abstract (a clean copy of which is attached as Appendix A):

ABSTRACT

~~The invention relates to a cleaning solution for items soiled by organic materials soils, comprising:~~

- ~~— (A) more than 50% by weight, preferably more than 60% by weight, more preferably more than 70% by weight and most preferably more than 80% by weight of at least one lactone;~~  
~~— (B) at least one surfactant compound having a HLB ranging from 8 to 15.~~

Disclosed is a cleaning solution comprising, based on the total weight of the solution: (a) more than 50% by weight of at least one lactone (component A); (b) and 1 to 10% by weight of at least one surfactant compound (component B) having a HLB ranging from 8 to 15 and selected from the group consisting of compounds of formula



wherein:  $R_1$  denotes a hydrocarbon group comprising from 1 to 20 carbon atoms;  $n''$  is an integer from 1 to 5,  $X$  denotes a valence link,  $-O-$ ,  $-OCH_2$ ,  $C=O$  or  $(CH_2)_k$ ,  $k$  being an integer varying from 1 to 2;  $Y$  denotes  $(RO)_jH$  wherein  $j$  is an integer ranging from 2 to 40, and  $R$  is a divalent hydrocarbon group, and compounds of formula

$CH_3(CH_2)_l-O-(CH_2CH_2O)_m-H$  (II) wherein  $l$  is an integer from 6 to 13 and  $m$  is an integer from 3 to 15.